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May 12, 2009

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
CITIES OF DOWNEY, PICO RIVERA, AND SANTA FE SPRINGS AND  
THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF EAST LOS ANGELES,  
EAST WHITTIER, AND SOUTH WHITTIER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the County of Los Angeles Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts with the contractors for work in the Cities of Downey, Pico Rivera, and Santa Fe Springs and the unincorporated communities of East Los Angeles, East Whittier, and South Whittier.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the County of Los Angeles Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0014425 - Lambert Road/1st Avenue Median Landscape Improvements, to landscape roadway medians including planting trees, shrubs, and groundcover and construct sidewalk, concrete headers, and an irrigation system, in the unincorporated community of East Whittier, to Rock Bottom, Inc., in the amount of \$538,801.30.

- Project ID No. RDC0015096 - East Los Angeles Tree Planting Project, to plant parkway trees, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, to Marina Landscape, Inc., in the amount of \$207,690.
- Project ID No. TSM0010059 - I-5/Telegraph Corridor Intelligent Transportation Systems Project, to modify and synchronize traffic signals and install fiber optic equipment and closed circuit television cameras, Cities of Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Downey and the unincorporated community of South Whittier, to Manuel Bros., Inc., in the amount of \$1,364,803.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Board's approval to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

See attachments as follows for each project. The attachment for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also attached including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0014425 and TSM0010059.

- Project ID No. RDC0014425 - sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. RDC0015096 - sheets 2A and 2B
- Project ID No. TSM0010059 - sheets 3A and 3B

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The attachment for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0014425 are included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015096 are included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. TSM0010059 are included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which is defined as the firm that; (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to the lowest responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the attachment for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

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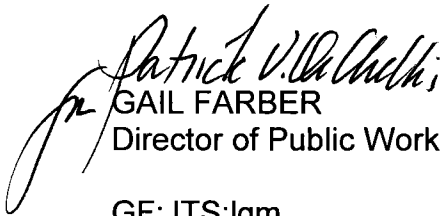
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 12, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014425 - LAMBERT ROAD/1ST AVENUE MEDIAN  
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (in the unincorporated community of East Whittier),  
Supervisory District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Landscaping of roadway medians including planting of trees, shrubs,  
and groundcover; construction of PCC walk, concrete headers, and  
an irrigation system; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 12, 2008 (Agenda Item 30)

BID OPENING DATE: December 9, 2008

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Rock Bottom, Inc., a corporation 2724 Landco Drive Bakersfield, California 93308 (661) 859-1700	\$ 538,801.30
2	Mega Way Enterprises	\$ 573,732.88
3	*Diversified Landscape Management, Inc.	\$ 579,331.34
4	Marina Landscape Company	\$ 614,902.00
5	Park West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 639,588.00
6	American Landscape, Inc.	\$ 667,232.89
7	*Belaire West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 690,357.00
8	Excel Paving Company	\$ 782,242.00
9	Green Giant Landscape, Inc.	\$ 787,990.00
10	C J Construction, Inc.	\$ 823,334.00
11	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$ 832,717.00
12	+America West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 839,909.55
13	Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$ 843,772.60
14	Valley Crest Development, Inc.	\$ 849,916.00
15	P & D Consultants, Inc.	\$ 997,200.00
16	Beador Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,007,700.00
17	Elite Landscaping, Inc.	\$1,042,488.50

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$955,065.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$538,801.30
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$416,264.20

The amount of the recommended contract is 44 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Rock Bottom, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On November 12, 2008, Agenda Item 30, your Board found the project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April and be completed in July 2009.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 12, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015096 - EAST LOS ANGELES TREE PLANTING PROJECT  
(in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Parkway tree planting and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: February 3, 2009 (Agenda Item 43)

BID OPENING DATE: March 3, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Marina Landscape, Inc., a corporation 1900 South Lewis Street Anaheim, California 92805 (714) 939-6600	\$207,690.00
2	America West Landscape, Inc.	\$232,104.73
3	P & D Consultants, Inc.	\$362,383.00
4	+FS Construction	\$381,120.00
5	Tropical Creations, Inc.	\$381,706.41
6	Advanced Landscape 2000, Inc.	\$384,780.46
7	SC Landscape Construction, Inc.	\$394,623.00
8	*International Environmental Corporation	\$421,009.00
9	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$447,404.00
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Azteca Landscape submitted a bid in the amount of \$380,760.00; however, they did not properly sign the bid proposal. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$446,870.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$207,690.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$231,180.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 53.5 percent below the estimate.



This project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Marina Landscape, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On February 3, 2009, Agenda Item 43, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June and be completed in August 2009.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 12, 2009

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010059 - I-5/TELEGRAPH CORRIDOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PROJECT (Cities of Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Downey and the unincorporated community of South Whittier),  
Supervisory Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals and installation of fiber optic equipment and closed circuit television cameras as part of the traffic management strategies known as Intelligent Transportation Systems.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: January 6, 2009 (Agenda Item 35)

BID OPENING DATE: February 3, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Manuel Bros., Inc., a corporation 908 Taylorville Road, Suite 104 Grass Valley, California 95949 (530) 272-4213	\$1,364,803.00
2	*Pro Tech Engineering Corporation	\$1,395,762.50
3	Moore Electrical Contracting, Inc.	\$1,405,321.00
4	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$1,576,519.00
5	*TDS Engineering	\$1,638,663.77
6	*Christopher R. Morales, Inc.	\$1,669,136.00
7	*C. T. & F., Inc.	\$1,698,993.15
8	*VT Electric, Inc.	\$1,751,970.50
9	*MSL Electric, Inc.	\$1,791,950.00
10	Terno, Inc.	\$1,814,318.00
11	Pouk & Steinle, Inc.	\$1,883,722.90
12	Golden State Utility Company	\$1,987,324.00
13	*Doty Bros. Equipment Co.	\$2,112,810.05
14	KDC, Inc.	\$2,165,047.00
15	Y & M Construction	\$2,205,224.00
16	Minako American Corporation	\$2,710,860.00
17	*The Fishel Company	\$2,247,182.63
18	Comet Electric, Inc.	\$2,300,000.00
19	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$2,568,561.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,505,479.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,364,803.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$1,140,676.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 46 percent below the estimate.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will reimburse 86.92 percent of the project cost from the 1995 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Southeast Los Angeles County Traffic Signal Forum. The remaining 13.08 percent will be funded by the County's Proposition C Local Return revenue. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Manuel Bros., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On January 6, 2009, Agenda Item 35, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 140 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May and be completed in December 2009.

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